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1. NORWAY: Norwegian attitude toward Atlantic Pact--US
Charge Villard in Oslo expresses the opinion that although there are chronic isolationists in Norway, the Norwegian Government and general public have an "inner conviction" that Norway is correct in aligning with the Atlantic community and believe that the survival of Norway as a nation is intimately linked with the future of Western civilization. Villard says that the Norwegian will to fight, which he feels is strong, is based on the expectation of US aid and on confidence in the active implementation of the Atlantic Pact. He believes that the arrival of MDAP material will have profound psychological effects on the people. According to Villard, the Norwegians are under no illusions that they could withstand an invasion by the USSR and foresee national extinction as the result of such an attack.

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